LITTLE ROCK TRACK IMPROVED BY RAIN

Horsemen Say Heavy Downpour Yesterday Will Make Arkansas Derby a Fast Race.

COURSE IS SANDY; PACKS WELL.

Six Horses Will Surely Start-Flora Pomona and Herodiade Probably Will Be Equal Choices-Wax Taper Starts.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Little Rock, March 23.-It rained great guns to-day, but this will do the track good, as it packs nicely when watered free ly. The course is composed of a sandy losm, and horsemen say that the runners sprint faster over it after a heavy down-

There will be at least seven starters in the Arkansas Derby, which promises to prove a highly interesting horse race. Three filles loom up as prominent candidates for the prize. Brewer Schorr's Flora Pomona sold a strong favorite in the auction pools Saturday. She brought \$24 to Herodiade's \$16. The latter is George Bennett's Hanover colt. He is said to be partial to heavy going. Huntressa sold for \$8 in the auction poole. Lingo and Hainault sold for \$5 aplece, and Strode's entry, Prowl and St. Tammany, brought only \$2. Florrie S., who is a doubtful starter, was not sold.

Trainers' Opinions. Since it commenced to rain Herodiade has become decidedly in favor with the talent and the chances are that he will go to the post equal favorite with Flora Pomona. Both horses are fit to run for a King's ran-

George Walker, Schorr's trainer, told C. . Tilles in Memphis Friday that Flora omona was cherry ripe, and would take a lot of beating in the Arkansas Derby. Bennett's trainer, Harry McDaniels, says the same thing about Herodiade, who has worked the fastest mile of the season on the Memphis track. Johnny Woods is to ride Plora Pomona, while Coburn will pilot

Wade McLemore's filly, Huntressa, has worked better than any horse at Little Rock, and horsemen who have winter-d here think that the Pirate of Penzance stands an excellent chance of carrying off the big end of the purse. McLemore had Tommy Burns engaged to ride Huntressa in this stake, but Burns was compelled to go East for the Bennings meeting, so Wil-lie Waldo probably will have the mount,

Other Starters' Chances. John Burrows thinks his St. Carlo ge'ding. Haimult, will cut some figure in the Derby. Hainault has been moving well. Ed Trotter's filly, Lingo, will be ridden by Jockey Otis. Lingo is thoroughly sea-soned, but she likes a pasteboard track. Prowi is a horse that ought to run well over the Little Rock track. Willie Bloss will ride him in the stake. J. Miller will be up on St. Tammany, the other Strote

Barney Schreiber's horses are said to be well advanced in their training. Schwalb-lious like she is in a soft spot. She sold a strong top choice in the auction pools. L. Lansing's good calt, Henry McDanlels, was taken sick Saturday night and may not be able to run Monday. He is the may not be able to run Monday. He is the Euck Massie youngster that Mr. Lansing priced at \$5.000 recently. He is said to be slightly tried.

Track Officials.

Angelo Cella of Chicago, Harry Bateman of Little Rock and Ed Maginn will be in the judges' stand. A. B. Dade is to do the rtarting. He has been here for a week

Stable room is at a premium at Clinton Park. Over 200 head of thoroughbreds are stabled there. Two carloads of runners arlived from New Orleans yesterday, Twenty ntries were received for the first race Moncay. This is nearly as many as were made to the whole five races run here the first year the track was operated by the present

More than 100 turf followers arrived from New Orleans to-night, and delegations are expected ever from Memphis and Hot

Wax Taper Starts To-Day. What Taper Starts To-Day.

Captain 17th Rice will not be represented in the Arkansas Derby. He had three horace entered in the stake, but the Captain says none of them has class enough to win a Derby. Captain Rice's friends, however, and he has a host of them in Little Rock, will be on hand to-merrow to pull for Wax Taper. This will be the great sen of Candelmas's first start this season.

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Wax Taper was one of the best horses in America at one time last season. He always suffered from bad underpinning, however, and had to be fired in the first legs last fall. According to his owner, the great horse will surely race this year, but lew horsemen at the track look for Wax Taper to display the same form this year that made him the most talked-of thoroughbred in America last season.

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Dick Williams starts several of Barney Schreiber's horses Monday. Martin Brady, a bay coit by imp. Fonl Shot-Florence Dickey, will carry the big St. Louis turfinan's colors in the juvenile race. Williams is said to have several crack 2-year-o.ds here. Lacey Crawford, a bay coit by imp. Sain—Apozea, Sofain's dam, and Lady Unurch'ill, a bay filly by Baigowan—Yankee Heiress, are both said to have shown Trainer Williams some fast trials.

Yankee Heiress, dam of Lady Churchill, is a Sensation mare. Schreiber refused a big price for this mare several years ago. None of Schreiber's 3-year-olds have grown much. Ottis is hardly an inch taller than he was last year. Dewey looks well and so do Picquart and Father Wentker. Picquart is a colt that Schreiber expects great triings of. According to Trainer Williams, however, this son of Sain is a big "mut."

Mailory, George Bennett's representative in the 2-year-old race, is a chestnut colt by Onendaga—Miss Thomas. Henry Me-Danleis, another starter in this event, will be the first of Euck Massie's get to race. He is a bay colt and belongs to W. Lansing, Henry McDanleis was named in honor of George Bennett's trainer. Lady Gallantry is a brown filly by imp. Gallantry—Zola Ciyde. Samie Mae is a chestnut filly by Rancoens—Addle Buchanan and belorgs to Wade McLemore. Bird Slayer is a bay gelding by Deerslayer—Ollie Bird.

The last-named your server. Some Promising Two-Year Olds.

Half-Brother to Sharp Bird. The last-named youngster is a half-brother to Sam Lazarus's fast sprinter, Sharp Bird. Roccoo is the Ornament-Lizzle Baker coit that E. J. Arnold of St. Louis bought of the Messrs. Morris at New Orleans. leans
Rainey C. is by Ornament-Letelia Brown.
Her Rain is a sister to Flora Thornton.
Rainey C. is said to have worked great guns
over the Memphi-track.
S. J. Charles of San Antonio is a recent.

S. J. Charles of San Antonio is a recent arrival at the track with a large stable. He has a bunch of 2-year-olds, all of which were fired by Diers.ayer.

John Burrows, who will start Hainguit in the Derby, is a recent arrival from San Francisco, where he picked up several horses that ought to make useful performers on the St. Louis tracks next season. He has Plead, Bacchus, Orleans, Edgardo and Ben Darrow.

Ben Daerrow.

J. K. Hughes has a big string of old horses in training here. After the Little Rock meeting he will shin to St. Louis. Hughes has Nearest. Sir Rolla, Temps: Sellinda, Hanel Hughlett, The Light, Satin Conf. Daudy Jim, Little Master, Lady H. and Lona Paxton, Hughes has no 2-year-olds in his attale.

Jacob is the Griv 2-year-old in E. J.

Record is the calv 2-year-old in E. J. Arnold's stable. This string is headed by Maximus and Peaceful. Both these two good hersys are doing nicely and will start here next week.

St. Louisans at the Track. St. Louisans at the Track.

Frank Carr is a recent arrival from Hot Springs. He spent three weeks at the Arkansas health resort and came here for the race meeting. Carr strung his money with Charlle Elliton's at Hot Springs and succeeded in separating Loo Mayer, Joe Ullman and other poolroom men from a big bundle of the long green. Carr will probably race a small but select string at St. Louis the coming reason. euis the coming reason.
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-Ry a Republic Photographer. W. H. CLAY. Local trap shot, who will compete in the Grand American Handicap at Kansas City next week.

man, Tom Toher and other St. Louisans are here for the race meeting. Mr. Maginn is in charge of the racing programme at the track, He certainly has announced a swell card for the inaugural day's racing at Jockev Willie Bloss, who has been acting as track superintendent during the winter, will commence riding Monday. In addition to piloting Prowl in the Derby be will ride Braw Lad in the first race and Samie Mac in the second event. R. J. COLLINS.

NEW ORLEANS'S BEST SEASON. Winter Racing Had Its Most Successful Run at the Crescent City.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. New Orleans, March 23.-The winter cing season, which closes this week, has been the most successful in the history of the sport in the South. The profits of Cres-cent City Jockey Club are said to be more

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Winners: J. K. Duckworth.525,689	Ed Stutte \$20,
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Mark Moore 13,510	J. B. Harrison 5,
Robert Linyd 8,600	W. W. Finn is
L. A. Cella 8,090	Frank Charles 2
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Seth Jucobs 5,000	Jerry Daly 2.
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Wenther clear and track fast. Onkland Selections.
REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
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Braw Lad 55 | Little Chico 5
Small Jack 59 | Cadet 6
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Fred Hersis 164 | Ragnarok II 164 |
Horseshoe Tobacco 111 | High Jinks 1 Third race, cix furlongs, selling:
Levable 17 Miss Conrad
The Bronze Demonth Salinda
Oria 28 Schwalbe Curd Gillick 59 Trio
Harry Wilson 69 Ben Hullum
Prue Wood 6
Fourth race, one mile Arkansas Der
Hainault 14 Herodiade
Prowl 10 Flora Pomon
St. Taumany 10 Lingo
Huntress 11 Flora Force
Fifth race, seven furlongs: mile Arkansas Derby: 14 Herodiade 10 Plora Pomona 10 Lingo 111 Florrie S Fifth race, seven furlongs: Sixth race, one mile and seventy yards, selling

Little Rock Selections. Second Race—Rainey C., Rococo, Mallory Third Race—Ben Hullum, Oria, Schwalb Fourth Race—Huntressa, St. Tammany,

McFARLAND WON FROM JACK SIMS IN FIFTH

Received Decision in Rowing Club Bout-General Pugilistic Gossip.

Jack Sims, badly weakened by overreducing, was nothing but a punching bag for Eddie McFarland at the St. Louis Row. ing Club yesterday afternoon, and was put down to stay midway in the fifth round. While not out, Sims was in no condition to proceed and was badly punished about the

cent City Jockey Club are said to be more than \$250.090. It is generally understood that the Crescent City Jockey Club will raise its purses next year. This season \$350 purses were distributed. Next year the purses probably will be raised to \$450, with a \$550 handicap every afternoon for the best horses.

Albert Simons, who led the whining owners, will ship his stable to Memphis. He thinks he has a cinch on winning the Montgomery Handicap with either Alard or Nitrate. He also expects to win a purse or two at Memphis with Lord Quex, the Crescent City Berby winner.

Charles J. Cella, Paul Fontelieu and James K. Duckworth have been the most successful bookmakers here. Ed Stutte of Kansas City and "Kid" Rogers of St. Louis are probably the higgest losers. Rogers made a lot of money at St. Louis last season and held his own here until lately, when his health went back on him. He will take a rest until St. Louis opens. Sam Stephens, who has been booking for L. A. Cella, has who has been booking for L. A. Cella, has who has been booking for L. A. Cella, has who has been booking and losines of long shows the winnings and losines of

hout.

In the fifth, after a light mix-up near the ropes, McFarland got Sims's law with a left, following it up with a right and then with a left to the same place. Straight jals to the face had shaken Sims to pieces but a moment before, and he went to the floor, remaining through the count. Referee Bob Douglass declared McFarland the winner. Elmer Mayfield lost the preliminary in the

ner.

Elmer Mayfield lost the preliminary in the first round through falling to get up in time after going to the floor. He had mixed up things at a lively rate with Jimmie O'Donneil, a welter weight, who showed considerable ability, considering that it was his first appearance in the professional ring, and had the best of the exchanges to that point. O'Donneil landed a bow as Mayfield ducked, however, which sent Elmer to the floor, where he remained taking breath for cight seconds. Referre Louglass counted ten just as Mayfield was about to rise, and gave the fight to O'Donneil.

Mayfield was not bijured in the slightest, but his tardiness in ariving left Douglass no alternative but to declare O'Donneil the winner. Mayfield is now trying to get on arother bout with O'Donneil.

Next Sunday afternoon George Block and Jack Dunleavy will fight at catch weights, going fitteen rounds. As a preliminary Cotton. Billiter and Eddie Knox of Louisiana, Mo., will go eight rounds. iana, Mo., wi'l go eight rounds.

Inat the fighting game is easily injured that the game and the phia, when Gus Rubhin and Peter Maher fought to a slim house, their share of which amounted to scarect \$1.50. Effects of the Sharkey-Maher farce of a few weeks ago were clearly evidenced in the receipts of the contest, and the bout will probably do no good to nugilism.

When Maher and Sharkey were billed to fight their share of the receipts amounted to more than \$1.00, or hearly treble the amount of last Friday evenings bout. The fights were about the same clars, and had Sharkey and Maher gone on in carnest it is likely that the receipts of the Maher-Ruhlin affair would have been even greater.

Nothing is more sensitive than the gate at the paize fight, however, and any chance for crookedness or any unsatisfactory business connected with a bout affects the game at once. Once public disgust is stirred up by a fight results immediately follow which injure or kill the game.

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As an instance take the two recent fights at the West End Club, where the decisions were obviously in favor of one of the contestants. Clamor on the part of a few noisy supporters of Feltz in one case and Broad in the other resulted in the two fights being declared draws, although Regan and vitell seemed to have earned the houts beyond question by their clever wers.

To give a decision because the disorderly element makes a racket is as absurd as it would be for a racing fudge to decide that a race won by a head was a dead heat, merely because the supporters of the second horse gathered about the stand and howled for a decision. Yielding to the hoodlum element at the prize ring by giving a draw when the backers of the leaten man call for such a verdict is putting a premium on disorder at every contest. Once let the surathing sumblers and hoodlums feel that they can affect a decision by noise, and every bout will be a scene of tumult.

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Not only does a decision of the sort create disorder, but it is also a healthy source of taking in the ring. When an honest pugilist goes into the ring and does his best, only to find that he has the verdict taken away from him when he has earned it, it is not altogether surprising that he might be inclined to stray from the straight and narrow path and out up a fake in his next. narrow path and put up a fake in his nex

narrow path and put up a fake in his next bout.

While the astute Tom O'Rourke is too sharp to be caught at any game, one bout in which a man of his figured has always been regarded with suspicion. This was the case of Joe Walcott and Kid Levigne, when they met in San Francisco in 1877, George Dixon, then champion of the world, had fought Solly Smith in that city but a few weeks before and had lost the decision, after clearly besting Smith. Both he and O'Rourke were grently disgusted, but a match was immediately arranged by the latter between Kid Lavigne and Joe Wellcott.

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This bout also took place in San Francisco, and was the subject of much betting.
Although O'Rourke generally backed his
men in their fights, on this occasion his
money was not in evidence. Walcott was
heavily played, but the wise men got down
hard on Lavigne. The latter won, after an
unsatisfactory contest, and sports on the
coast are not through whispering about the
fight yet. It is rumored that more was
cleaned up on Walcott's defeat than had
been lost on George Dixon.

If Jim Corbett and Jim Jeffries should get together again for the heavyweight cham-pionship of the world, a fight would re-sult which would stir up even more interest

than the Fitzsimmons affair. Corbett is conceded to be the man most likely to give Jeffrles a strong argument, and he will find backers all over the country, who prefer his chances to those of Jeffrles.

If the fight is a twenty-five round affair, Corbett has an equal chance with Jeffrles, assuming that Corbett is in first-class condition. It is doubtful if Jeffrles will be able to hit him hard enough to hurt him, although if Jeffrles can land one blow, the result can be foreseen. Corbett certainly would fight such a battle on the hit and get away order, and, as he kept away from Jeffrles for twenty-three rounds on the occasion of their last meeting, it appears as if he should be able to do it again.

The fight is of great promise, if the men can be matched under suitable conditions, and should afford a high-class bout.

BOWLING.

CENTRAL LEAGUE. Individual Records for Fifty Cames

Appended are the official individual and club records of the Central Cocked-Hat League, as compiled by Secretary William Bick. Sparks, who took part in 1B games, continues to lead the list with a record of nearly 52. Grath, who has messed but one game is second with 81.64. Goetz is a very good third. Of this trio Grath has shown much the best work in picking the organization later in the season, Meier has the best of it. In 45 games be has an average of 52.84, while he missed only 1.50 pins per game. The figures:

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Fifty Games and Over.

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World's Fair League Standing All through the season the race for the pen-int in the World's Fair League has been clos-nd exciting, and it promises to end with a laze of fireworks and glory. The Ann Avenue exciting, and it promises to end with a re of fireworks and it promises to end with a re of fireworks and glory. The Ann Avenues to obtained a four-game lead over the St. distance. The leaders won five games in their till and feel that they can draw still her away when they meet the Dolmans this k. The Towers and Dolmans are on even is for the show position, eight games behind St. Louisianas. The same condition of affexists between the Hickorys and Blue Topa, standing:

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE. Tuesday—Hickorys at home to Black Labels, Johnans at home to Ann Arenues, and Blue Tops at home to St. Lundsinas. Thursday—Towers at home to Shenandoahs. Club Standing. Last week's contasts resulted in making the race in the Central League much more inter-esting. A week ago the Acmes had a lead of five games over the S. 85, but now only a sin-kle game separates the pair. The 1908 and Broken also gained considerably, and there is a margin of only five points between the four clubs. Stand-

Club. W. L. Club. W. Acmes 29 29 Brokers 25 S & S D 21 Crescents 22 1903s 25 24 Centurys 115 THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE.

Monday - Crescents vs. 1993 on Acme alleys.
Tuesday - Brokers vs. S. & S. on Crescent alleys
and Centurys vs. Acmes on Royal alleys. Jobbers' Lengue Standing. A close contest is going on in the Jobbers locked-Hat Lengue, with the Forrests in front Cocked-Har Lengue, with the Forests in Front. Standing:
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tlievs.
Thursday-Reiments vs. Dixies on Royal alleys.
Friday-Fotrests vs. Topeys on Acme alleys. Emerson League Standing. The Assemblers of the Emerson League are making a runaway race of it just now. But one game separates the other three clubs, with advantage in the Machinists favor. Standing.

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Friday-Winders vs. Assemblers on Royal alleys.

INDIVIDUAL HANDICAP TOURNAMENT To Be Inaugurated by Office Men's

As the season of the Office Men's Club Cocked Hat League closes rather early the management has decided to inaugurate an individual handihas decided to inaugurate an individual handicap tournament, with the handleaps for competitors based on the scratch averages for the last series, All club members are eligible. Each contestant will roll fifteen games. Many chrises have already been received.

There is but little change in the standing in the present series. The South Sides continue to hold their lead, and probably will win out, as this is the final week. They are two games in advance of the Rough Riders. The leaders meet the Cardinals, who head the second division, and expect to bay the majority of games, while the Rough Riders will go against the Delmars, with a good chance of the majority of games, while the Rough Riders will go against the Delmars, with the other lower clubs strung out about one game apart. The standing:

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J. Schedule For Final. Week.

Monday—Leffinguells vs. Progressives.

Tuerday—South Side- vs. Cardinals.

Wednesday—Imperials vs. Beaumonts.

Thursday—Cyclers vs. Missouris.

Friday—Centurys vs. Garrisons.

Saturday—Rough Riders vs. Delmars. cap tournament, with the handleaps for competi-

Practice League Standing.
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Bulls 5.16 Caives 16
Monday-Caives vs. Lambs. Friday-Bulls vs. Bears.
MEDAL WINNERS.
Hish five games-Robison.
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Eight-pin handicap; league record. Hass record. Practice League Standing.

The South Sides were away off champions form when they encountered the Cyclers Sab day night, and barrly managed to capture to do game from their opponents, who are aw down in the second division. Meier falled connect in eighteen essays and in other with work of the winners was somewhat yello Loevy, with an eight-pin handicap, averaged flat for the Cyclers. Bright was the only of the winners to exceed the half-century mathe score:

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C. Bright	6	5	19	67	45	45	65	126	53	15		
Meler	...	0	81	84	87	73	44	50	37	47	45	
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WITH THE AMERICAN

Other Club Owners in National League Fear He Will Trans-

SAYS HE CAN GET FRANCHISE.

New Scale of Prices in American League Makes Johnson's Offer Look Good to the Pittsburg President.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 23.-It is threatened to-night that the fate of the National League will be decided by long-distance telephone out of Pittsburg to-morrow when certain magnates in the different cities take turns talking with President Barney Dreyfuss. The little president of the champlen Pittsburgs to-day received many messages from National League magnates, imploring him not to think of jumping to the American, as has been reported, and begging him to attend the meeting next week

in New York. Dreyfuss said to-night: "I will talk with some of the magnates over the 'phone to-morrow. They have wired me early, late, and often to-day. I have not decided about the New York meeting. I may, after hearing what some of them have to say to-morrow. I do not care to discuss the probability of Pittsburg go-ing into the American League. I have not

yet secured a franchise, but I can get one the moment I ask for it." There is no doubt that the National League magnates are now terrified by the thought that Pittsburg will jump. It is known that Ban Johnson has held out a tempting offer and that the League's raise in price makes it possible for Pittsburg to silp in. Dreyfuss cast his first bombsnell into the League camp by refusing to sign a call for a League meeting. He later announced that it made no difference to Pittsburg whether Judge Truax ever decided the Spaiding case or not. Again Dreyfuss breathed defiance by publicly announcing that he would have his team ready for the game in due season, and if the National was not ready for him, he would find a place for his team to play. There is no doubt that the National

He accepted no advance money. McGuire asserts that when he signed with Brooklyn he did not know that a new Detroit manager would insist on his living up to his agreement with Stallings. Later he talked with him, and he says:

"I never intended to play with Brooklyn "I never intended to play with Brooklyn since the new management took hold of the Detroit club. I consider that my first contract is binding upon me, and I new realize that the Brooklyn contract is not binding, for the reasons stated. As the old contract was with Stallings, I have to-day signed a new contract with the Detroit team."

A bouquet to Hanlon and a few lines about his desire to play in his home State conclude the statement.

Though he sent them a notice to report April 1, Manager McPhee evidently isn't counting Archie Coulter, Frank Huiseman, and Patrick Henry Dougherty in his list of prospective Red Birds, McPhee picked up a new recruit Thursday, an outfielder Harry F. Black by name. Black is a resident of Gloucester, Md., just across the river from Philadelphia.

He was signed "sight unseen" on the recommendation of Tom Crowley, brother of the old league backstop, Black was practically unknown until McPhee gathered him in, and but little has been learned of his, past performances.

past performances.

Billy Clingman of Milwaukee has lost two of his stars by the contract-jumping route. Outfielder Jones deserted him for Denver a week ago, and now Catcher L. Shay has decided that Brewville is not a fit summer resort. Shaw has jumped his American Association contract for a berth with George Stallings at the Pan-American City Ban Johnson hasn't come to terms with

Umpires Sheridan and Cantillion as yet.

John H. Gaffney, the former "King of Umpires," now ringing up fares on a Worcester, Mass., street car, is said to have been offered a place on the American

League staff.

"Mike Donlin has made a success at ball playing, and I'm sorry to see him lati away in the cooler for six months," said Jimmy McAleer, discussing the recent Baltimore episode. "St. Louisans who saw him play here don't know how good a player he is. His work in the American League last year was great, and it will be hard to fill his place in Baltimore. Ponlin was one of the fastest men on bases in the American League last year, and could hat and run the bases like a flend. He was always wild, but "never thought that he would so far forget himself as to strike a woman." "Wike Donlin has made a success at ball

Jack Dunn strenuously denies that he has hooked up with Horace Pogel. Fogel visited Baltimore last week and tried to negotiate for Dunn, but there was nothing doing. In the present plight of the Birds, Dunn probably will do a regular specialty in the outer pastures.

The Pittsburg team will arrive in St. Louis Easter Sunday on the way to Hot Springs. The party will comprise about twenty-five players. The Pitates will not tarry long here, leaving at 8 o'clock in the evening in a special sleeper over the Iron Mountain Route.

Tom Burns, the veteran player-manager, who died at New York last week, was a member of the famous Chicago infield composed of Burns, Anson, Pfeffer and Williamson, Burns was the second of the famous quartet to answer a summons from the great umpire, Williamson being the first.

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Burns was born in Homesdale, Pa., March 20, 1857. When a boy he removed with his parents to New Britain, Conn., where, as a lad, he began playing baseball on the crack amateur teams of that section. In 1876, when he was 19 years old, he began his professional career as a member of the Providence team. He was then an outfielder and change catcher, where, alternating behind the bat, he caught Ned Hanlon, who was then just coming into prominence as a pitcher.

Near the close of that season his manager put Burns at third base, and he played there under protest for two weeks. Rather than continue at the position where he afterward became famous he quit the team at the end of the year and went to Auburn, N. Y., to play the outfield. In 1878 Burns went to Hornellsville in the old International League, and the following year he played with Dunlap and Hanlon on the then famous Albany (N. Y.) team. It was there he made the reputation which brought him to Chicago in 1880.

Burns came to Chicago as a shortstop, and in that year took his place in the most famous group of players ever organized—the "stonewall imfeld" of the old White Stockings. It was this quartet of infielders whose names are known wherever basebalj is played to-day, which did so much toward



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winning the National League pennant three times in succession. Burns, Williamson, Pfeffer and Anson, along with their batteries—Film, "King" Kelly, Corcoran and Clarkson—were the first combination to develop team play to anything like its present-day height in skill and science. They played the game with their brains, and each vied with the other in thicking out and executing trick plays to catch their opponents napping. Some of the plays still used most effectively were originated by these men, and they were the first to introduce the long-familiar fashion of throwing the ball around the infield for practice while the catcher was putting on his mask.

Foremost of these brainy players was Tom Burns, who shot into immediate popularity with the public and his associates. He was kept at shortstop until 188, when the club moved from the lake front to the old Congress street grounds. In that year Burns changed places with Williamson, and it was then that he attained his greatest reputation as a player. He became ununesticably the greatest third baseman of his time, and there are many who maintain for all time. By his quick grasping of opportunity, his nerve and fearlessness, ally seconded by the greatest of catchers, so many copposing base-rainners were caught stealing or napping at third that the players feared to leave the base while there for fear of being caught.

This combination was effectually broken

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Dick Cooley, the old reliable, spent a few hours in St. Louis yesterday on his way to Gainesville, Ga., where he reports Tosaday to Manager Buckenberger for spring twetram is in the st. of Nationals, Tilly the south will scale him down.

Cooley spent the winter in Topeka and made a neat little nest egg in a business venture. Me modestly refrains from detailing his experiences in an Oklahoma raling his experience in an Oklahoma raling his experience in an Oklahoma ral

indicated by his success as a player and field general.

His death removes one more from the great coterie of Chicago players of the early eighties

Williamson, his side partner for so many years, went before him. So have Kelly, Flint, Corcoran, Larkin and Sutcliffe. Less than haif of the members of that aggregation are left. They are Anson, Quest and Pfeffer, who are engaged in business in Chicago now; Goldsmith, who is running a truck farm near Detroit; Clarkson, who is living in Bay City, Mich.; Gore, who is in New York, and Dalrymple, who is in the railroad business up in Minnesota.

NATIONAL LEAGUE SCHEDULE. Season Will Begin April 17-Conflets With American Anticipated.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. New York, March 23.-Unless unforescen complications arise, the National League, at peace with itself and with no factional at peace with itself and with no factional quarrel disturbing it, will play through the season of 18c2 with a schedule of games to be adopted in this city next week.

A schedule will be ready when the base-ball men assemble here next week, and it will not be a matter of delay to adopt it. The prospect is that the playing season will begin on April 17, with Boston in Philadelphia and Brooklyn in New York. The usual 140 games will be played, but it is not settled as to how the holiday dates shall be arranged.

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The American League has already adopted a schedule based on the lines used in the past by the National League, and it is a question whether the National will adopt conflicting dates or reverse their Eastern and Western trips so as to give the American League plain sailing.

There seems to be a disposition to conflict with the American and take chances. It is barely possible that in cities where there barely possible that in cities where there are both American and National League clubs, the National League will play for 25 cents in view of the fact that the American cents in view of the fact that the American League has raised its prices.

Mr. Ebbetts of Brooklyn is in the West trying to get hold of some of the contract-breakers who have deserted the Brocklyn club, He was too late at Cleveland for the trio that deserted to the club in that city-Wright, Gouchnar and Goss-who had departed for New Orleans. He will make an effort to see McGuire.

The players of the New York team, with the exception of Washburn, Clark and Burke, will report at the Polo Ground to-morrow.

EAVOR AMERICAN LEAGUE RULES. Western Intercollegiate Games Will Chicago, March Zi-Last year's American

League rules will govern in the leading Western universities in intercollegiate baseball this year and Joe Cantillon, the former American League umpire, probably will officiate at the college games. These points came out to-day as a result of an interview between Director George Huff of Illinois and Poctor Stage, at the University of Chicago.

When the question of playing rules came up for consideration, both college magnates agreed that the American League rules of last year, which were the National League rules of year before last, are the best for the college games. Huff stated that "Jack" Hollister of Releit was in favor of the old rules and that Wisconsin also had no desire for complicated innovations. Stage stated that Manager Baird of Michigan and Doctor Hollister of Northwestern had informed him that they favored the American League rules of 1901. As the sentiment was practically unanimous the question was easily settled. ball this year and Joe Cantillon, the former

HAMBURG WOY BIG COURSING MATCH Rank Outsider Defeats Such Cracks as

Modest Girl, Miss Pye and Others. That sterling courser, Mr. A. D. Aldrich, won the thirty-two dog stake at De Hochamont Park yesterday with his brindle deg, Hamburg (Clifford-Roxie); J. B. Sheridan's black imported dog. Kingstown (Batters-town-Rondinella). ran ups The winner was rated a third-class dog and was a rank outsider in the betting. Kingstown ran a much improved dog over his fall form.

The hares ran unevenly, some strongly,

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some weakly, go there was a deal of luck in the stake. Linlithgow Lass was the victim of a series of hard courses and was not in the best of condition. Her defeat of that other good one, Miss Pye, was a valiant bit of uphili running.

Monsoon ran a disgracefully bad course arainst Modest Girl in the first round, and seems to be quite done. Mr. Egan was clever as usual, though Dom Pedro and Mona ran away with the slips in their first course. The crowd was very large and hugely enjoyed the sport.

There was an exhibition of roping bronchobising. The feature of this event was the shucking of the champion rider, Frank Schramm, by a vicious chestnut pony. The

chramm, by a vicious chestnut pony. The For 32 all-aged greybounds at 33 each, 325 to sun mary:

For 22 all-aged greybounds at 13 each, 22 winner, 131 to runner up:
Courad's Bent beat Count Crowlers.
Turquoine beat Hyde Park.
Humburn beat Dorfe.
Dom Fedro beat Mona.
Miss Fre beat Sheelan's Shores.
Limithgow Lass b at Runnway Gril.
Fraise of the Border beet Mra Fiske.
Mystic Fakor beat Hindon.
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White Hazel beat Boundless,
Kingstown beat Re kless Archer,
Linda beat Blue Heart.
Old Virginia beat Note Teller,
Star of Erin beat Hattle Minus.
The Scout beat Misty Morn.
Minnesons Girl beat Hattle Minus.
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Minnesons Girl beat Turquoise.
Hamburn beat Modest Girl.
Miss Fye a bye; Dom Pedro drawn.
Linithgow Lass beat Fridge of the Border
Kingstown beat Lindal
Star of Erin a bye; Old Virginia drawn.
The Scout beat Minnesons Girl.
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INAUGURAL HANDICAP WEIGHT

INAUGURAL HANDICAP WEIGHTS. Waring Given Top Weight in Opening

Fair Grounds Stake. Weights for the Inaugural Handicap, to be run Saturday, May 3, at the Fair Grounds, have been announced with Waring as top weight and Wax Taper a nound below him. Weights and conditions folsweepstakes for 3-year-olds and upward; \$10 to accompany the nomination; \$15 to be paid on acceptance of weights, which acpaid on acceptance of weights, which accepance must be made by April 7, and \$50 additional to start; \$1.500 added, of which \$500 to second, \$150 to third. A winner of a race after publication of weights, the total value of which is \$1.600 or more, to carry five pounds extra. Starters to be named through the entry box by 12 o'clock near, the day before the race, and all so named to be liable for the starting fee. One mile.

Hainault

Druggists' League Standing.
But three more matches remain to be niayed in
the Enuggists' Cocked-Hat League. The race
cultimes to be interesting, as each position is
still in doubt. The Moffitt-Wests guined a point
on the Mound City Paints, who are the leaders,
leaving but two games between the nair. The
Herf & Frerichs, who are in the three-hole, are
five games away from the top team, Standing:
Clubs.
M. C. Paints. M. M. J. S. Merrells. M. S.
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Herf & Frerichs. M. B. Searle & Hersths. M.
THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE.
Thursday-Moffit-Wests vs. Herf & Frerichs on
Arme alleys, Meyer Bros. vs. Mound City Fainta,
on Crescent alleys and Scarle & Hereths to. M.
S. Merrells on Royal alleys. Druggists' League Standing.

Weedward-Tiernan League

Mound City League Standing.

The Consumers have assumed the lead in the Mound City League. The Ribitos and Blue Ribbens are tied for the place, one game behind the baders. Standing:
Clubs. W. L. | Club leve alleys and Spencers vs. Blancs on Royal dlevs. Priday Engles vs. Republics on Crescent alleys.

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